

Night and morning low clouds, but mostly sunny today, with a high temperature of around 80 inland, and 72 at the beach. Light 10 to 18 mile per hour winds in the afternoon off the coast are also predicted by the weather bureau for today.

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## 13 Seek '53 Queen Title

Promise of Las Vegas Trip Prompts Entries

The competition for the crown of the Queen of Torrance got a lot stiffer in the last three days as seven more girls signed up for the contest, according to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, official entry station.

As of Saturday morning there were 13 girls vying for the title and a week-end trip to Las Vegas.

Turning in applications Thursday and Friday were:

Mary Ann Notman, 15, 113 Via Sego.

Karen Dean, 20, 2564 Torrance Blvd.

Ann Firlit, 16, 1041 W. 222nd St.

Sandra Lea Constance, 16, 17202 Glenburn Ave.

Frieda Kittrell, 17, 2060 Carson St.

Aline Sparks, 18, 2816 Albera St.

Jo Ann Harlan, 16, 2121 Anfreo Ave.

Announced previously were the other six contestants including Ella Mae McLeod, Dolores Paton, Gail Thompson, Betty Wiler, Jo Ann Howard, and Maureen Monahan.

The contest staged by the Torrance Area Youth Band will be held on Aug. 18 in the Civic Auditorium, The Coronation Ball at which Shirley White, present Miss Torrance, will shed her crown to the new queen who will be crowned at the Club Alondra on Aug. 25, according to W. E. Cowen, president of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc.

Charles Gotts, owner of Daniels Cafe and chairman of the prize committee, arranged with Marty Hicks, proprietor of the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas for the queen's visit. She will be flown there by Western Airlines.

The contest is open to any unmarried girl who is a resident of Torrance and who is between 15½ and 30 years of age. An entry fee of \$5, to be paid by the girl's sponsor at the time the application is filed with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will be used to defray expenses in connection with the contest.

The girls will be judged by three out of town judges who will pick a winner as the girls appear first in formals and again in bathing suits.

## Blood Chairman Announces Dates, Places to Donate

List of locations where local residents may donate their blood was issued this week by Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman of the Torrance Branch of American Red Cross.

Mrs. Jones also reminded Torrance citizens that a bloodmobile unit will be stationed at the Civic Auditorium on Oct. 12. Prior to that date, blood can be donated on:

Tuesday, Aug. 11—Long Beach Chapter, 319 W. Broadway, Long Beach, 3 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13—Wilmington District, 728 N. Lagoon, Wilmington, 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 18—Long Beach Chapter (see above), 3 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 20—Harbor district, 390 W. Seventh St., San Pedro, 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27—South Bay branch, Clarke Stadium, Valley Dr. between Eighth St. and Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, 3 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 28—Inglewood branch, American Legion Post No. 188, 423 N. La Brea Ave., Inglewood, 3 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 31—Gardena branch, Community Center, 1851 Market St., Gardena, 3 to 7:30 p.m.

There are several openings for volunteer staff aides in the local Red Cross, Mrs. Jones announced. Men or women may volunteer by calling FAirfax 8- (Continued on Page 3)

## Hospital To Get \$380,000 in Improvements

Improvements totaling \$380,000 for the Harbor General Hospital have been provided in the county's budget for the Department of Charities. It was revealed this week.

Major item of improvements is \$169,812, which has been set aside for a new boiler plant designed to meet the needs of the hospital for adequate heating.

To be constructed is a dormitory for men on the hospital staff. The building will have 2760 square feet and will cost approximately \$40,480.

The construction of arcades between F and G wings to provide protection from the weather to patients moving between the two wards is to cost \$39,025.

An additional \$20,000 is to be spent on an administrative quarters which will enlarge present facilities by 1200 square feet.

Budgeted is \$19,324 for improvement to the premature baby and other obstetrical wards.

Included in the budget of the Department of Charities is \$14,869 for paving of 112,500 square feet of parking area for visitors.

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DATE WITH DEATH . . . This century plant in the front yard of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lang, at 30418 S. Normandie Ave., is doomed to die in the near future, if the old saying that the plants die after blooming is true. The blossoms of the plant top the huge spike which reach to the power lines overhead.

## FIRE DESTROYS BRIDGE



BRIDGE BURNS . . . Two Torrance fire crews battled two hours Friday evening as an abandoned bridge over the flood control channel on Casimir Ave. south of 166th St. burned. The bridge was weakened by the flames and declared unsafe by Fire Captains Bob Lucas and Walter West. Origin of the fire was not determined.

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## Story With a Moral; Woman Bilked of \$4

A smooth-talking salesman talked her out of \$4 for a two-year subscription to a national magazine last March and she hasn't received a copy yet, Judy R. Campbell, of 16516 Chanera Ave., complained to police Friday.

Mrs. Campbell said that when she did not receive the magazine after a sufficient period of time, she wrote a complaining letter to the magazine. The magazine officials then wrote back and said that something was wrong, all right. They stated that the salesman had no authorization to collect \$4 from her for a two years' subscription—he should have collected \$8.

Everything is straightened out now, however, according to Det. Captain Ernie Ashton, who investigated the case. Mrs. Campbell has been informed by the magazine that if she sends another dollar she will receive a year's subscription, which costs \$5, or that she can send \$4 more and get the two years' subscription.

Moral: Always ask to see a salesman's city license before purchasing anything from him. Mrs. Campbell did not do this. All salesmen working in Torrance are supposed to have a license to sell, issued by the city.

The salesman who got Mrs. Campbell's \$4 is described as having dark hair, tan complexion, 5 feet 5 inches in height, 135 pounds. He gave the name Joe C. Nunez. Mrs. Campbell told police, and said that he was a war veteran.

Reports Radio Stolen

Frank W. Kunkle, of 16455 Illinois Ct., reported to police Friday that a radio valued at \$80 had been stolen from his car sometime between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. the previous night while the car was parked in front of his home.

## CIRCULATION OFFICE GETS OWN TELEPHONE

Another convenience to Torrance Herald subscribers was initiated by the Herald's circulation department this week—the department got its own telephone.

The new circulation department phone has been listed as FAirfax 8-4004, according to Circulation Manager Gerald L. Wenker Jr.

Subscribers missing delivery of their papers may call the new number between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursday for delivery of a paper, and between 9 a.m. and noon on Sunday, Wenker said.

Two special deliveries for "slips" will be made on Thursday, one at noon and the other about 5 p.m. A noon delivery will be made on Sunday, and an evening delivery on Monday for those calling on those days.

## Couple Ram Cars In Marital Duel

### EX-PRINCIPAL HOPEFUL ACCIDENT SIEGE OVER

Lloyd W. Waller, former principal of Torrance High School, is crossing his fingers this week hoping that it is true what they say about accidents—that they come in threes.

The Walker family has had three this month.

The third of the series occurred last Wednesday when Robert L., his 18-year-old son, was involved in an accident at Torrance Blvd. and Guadalupe Ave. in Redondo Beach. The senior Waller was a passenger. Police listed the crash as a non-injury accident.

Three days prior to that a retired Redondo City employee was seriously injured in a crash involving Waller's 23-year-old son, Lloyd Walker Jr. Sylvester S. Smith, 78, the injured man, was described as "unchanged" by attendants at the Harbor General Hospital where he was treated for a fractured skull and shoulder, and a forehead laceration.

Earlier during the fluxed month of July Robert was involved in another accident when a five-year-old boy ran into the side of his slow-moving auto and suffered a badly torn foot.

Waller, now principal of Mira Costa High School in Redondo Beach, is rubbing a rabbit's foot, carrying a four-leaf clover, and packing a horseshoe in his hip pocket hoping that the series of three accidents means an end to his misfortune for at least a little while.

## Oil Workers Union Turns Down Offer

The 700 members of the Oil Workers International Union at the National Supply Co. rejected a company offer Friday night on a new contract which included a 10-cent-an-hour wage boost and fringe benefits.

The wage increase tendered during "regular negotiations" apparently was not the objection voiced by the local union unit. The rejection was offered mainly on the fringe benefits.

Neither union nor company officials were available for comment late yesterday.

Employed in the shops of National Supply are approximately 1200 workers of whom 100 are members of the union. The meeting Friday night at the union's hall in Long Beach was attended by approximately 300 members of the local unit.

The old contract expired on July 16. Among the provisions of the new contract is an allowance for shift differentials.

In the union demands are a number of fringe benefits covered in ten typewritten pages.

Chairman of the National Supply unit of Local 128 of the OIUI-CIO is Ed Dawson.

tor of the church. Det. Captain Ernie Ashton is investigating the case.

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## Torrance Police Nab Wife After 80-MPH Chase

A battle royal between a husband and a wife who were using their automobiles as weapons climaxed in an 80-mile-an-hour chase down Crenshaw Blvd. early Friday morning.

The fracas was called to the attention of police by Charles Elkie, of 18803 Crenshaw Blvd., who said that there were two cars ramming each other and causing a great disturbance in front of his home.

Investigating officers found Maurice D. Reynolds, of Redondo Beach, parked in his battered car on Crenshaw between 190th and 182nd Sts. He told them that he had had an argument with his wife, Thelma, and had left his house.

She followed him, to where he had parked, he said, and rammed his car, then left. While police were talking to Reynolds, his wife came back, saw them, and took off—fast, according to police records.

They chased her to 174th St. and Hawthorne at an 80-mile-per hour clip and finally stopped her. She was issued a citation for speeding.

## Girl Needs Way To Get To First Job in 28 Years

A 28-year-old woman who has just acquired her first job, is looking for a way to get there.

Helen Eulene Brodie, 1513 Cota Ave., daughter of the late James "Steve" Brodie, a past commander of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, was injured in an auto accident in Torrance 22 years ago. The crash left her with a partial paralysis on the right side. Her right arm has no feeling whatsoever, for heat or cold.

Until recently she was unable to obtain employment because of her handicap. Yet, in spite of this she traveled between Torrance and UCLA, a three-hour trip each way, to educate herself. Friday she landed a job. John J. MacGillivray, assistant veteran employment representative with the U. S. Department of Labor, was successful in getting Helen a job with the Hughes Aircraft Co. in Culver City.

But she has no way to get there. There is no public transportation available.

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